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Examiner : Unknown

Filed : November 22, 1999

Title : SUTURE ANCHOR AND DRIVE ASSEMBLY

**BOX MISSING PARTS**

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) mailed December 28, 1999 (a copy of which is enclosed), applicant as a large entity submits herewith the following:

- ☒ Payment of the surcharge of \$130 for late filing of the basic filing fee and/or declaration.
- ☒ A Two-Month Extension of Time (\$380.00)
- ☒ A check in the total amount of \$510.00 is attached.
- ☒ 7 Declarations in compliance with 37 CFR §1.175.
- ☒ A Consent of Assignee and supporting documents
- ☒ 2 Offers to Surrender
- ☒ Original Letters Patent

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I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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It is understood that this perfects the application and no additional papers or filing fees are required. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REISSUE SUPPLEMENT TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
PARTS OF APPLICATION**

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This Reissue Supplement is an attachment to:

- ☒ "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533)  
☐ "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" No Filing Date Granted (PTO-1532)

The item(s) indicated below as missing must be filed within the period for reply to the attached Notice to File Missing Parts of Application to avoid abandonment.

The following items are required to complete the reissue application:

- ☒ Consent of the assignee is missing. 37 CFR 1.172 requires that the reissue oath/declaration be accompanied by the written consent of all assignees.  
☒ Assignee's statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing ownership of the patent is missing. 37 CFR 1.172 requires that all assignees consenting to the reissue establish their ownership interest in the patent by filing in the reissue application a statement in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

  
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### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

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An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of ☐ \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or ☒ \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a ☐ small entity (statement filed) ☒ non-small entity is \$ 130.

☐ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- ☐ missing.
- ☐ insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

☐ 2. The following additional claims fees are due:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ total claims over 20.

\$ 1 for \_\_\_\_\_ independent claims over 3.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

- ☐ is missing or unsigned.
- ☒ does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

☐ 7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

☐ 8. The application was filed in a language other than English.

Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

☒ 9. OTHER: See Reissue Notice

Direct the reply and any questions about this notice to "Attention: Box Missing Parts."

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